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| Applicant | : | Benkowski et al. | Assignee | : | Micromed Technology, Inc. |
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on March 20, 2008, please amend the subject application as set forth herein. This Amendment is electronically filed within three (3) months of the mailing date of the Office Action and, therefore, is timely.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

Assignees' **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.